II. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A safety device for a motor vehicle comprising an inflatable curtain having an upper edge and a lower edge, the upper edge being adapted to be mounted to the motor vehicle within the interior of ~~a~~ the motor vehicle, a first portion of an elongate, flexible element being attached to and extending from ~~a point on said~~ the inflatable curtain, a second portion of an elongate flexible element being attached to and extending from ~~a point on said~~ the inflatable curtain, ~~said~~ the first portion of elongate, flexible element incorporating a slide member adapted to slidably retain a length of ~~said~~ the second portion of elongate, flexible element whereby, upon deployment of the inflatable curtain, the first and second portions are placed in tension, which exerts tension on the inflatable curtain.

2. (Currently Amended) The safety device according to ~~Claim 1,~~ Claim 1 wherein the first and second portions of elongate, flexible element are separate ~~portions~~ segments of a single elongate, flexible element.

3. (Currently Amended) The safety device according to ~~Claims 1 or 2~~ Claim 1, wherein the first and second portions of elongate, flexible element are attached to ~~said~~ the inflatable curtain at a common point.

4. (Currently Amended) The safety device according to ~~Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1 wherein the first and second portions of ~~elongate,~~ elongate flexible element are each attached to a point on ~~said~~ the inflatable curtain which is in the region of ~~said~~ the lower edge.

5. (Currently Amended) The safety device according to ~~any preceding Claim,~~ Claim1 wherein the slide member ~~adapted to slidably retain a length of said second elongate, flexible element portion~~ is in the form of a rigid ring.

6. (Currently Amended) The safety device according to ~~any preceding Claim~~ Claim 1 wherein at least one of the ~~potions~~ first or the second portions of elongate flexible element is elastic.

7. (Original) The safety device according to Claim 6 wherein both of the portions of elongate flexible element are elastic.

8. (Currently Amended) The safety device according to Claim 5 wherein both of the first and the portions of elongate flexible element are substantially inextensible.

9. (Currently Amended) The safety device according to ~~any preceding Claim,~~ Claim 1 wherein the point of attachment of one of the first or

the second portions of elongate flexible element to the inflatable curtain is in the form of an elastic connection.

10. (Currently Amended) The safety device according to Claim ~~9,~~ 9 wherein the point of attachment of both of the first or the second portions of elongate flexible element to the inflatable curtain is in the form of an elastic connection.

11. (Currently Amended) A safety device according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~ Claim 1 wherein ~~the device is mounted within a motor vehicle, the upper edge of the inflatable element being mounted to the vehicle,~~ the first elongate flexible element portion engaging with a first guide element fixed to ~~a point within~~ the motor vehicle, the second elongate flexible element being further attached to ~~a fixed point within said~~ the motor vehicle~~,~~ ~~said fixed~~ at a point being below ~~said~~ the first guide element, the slide member slidably retaining ~~said~~ the second portion of elongate flexible element, ~~wherein;~~ wherein upon inflation of ~~said~~ the inflatable curtain, ~~said~~ the lower edge moves to a position below ~~said~~ the guide element and ~~said~~ the portions of elongate flexible element thereby create tension along a line of ~~said~~ the inflatable curtain, between ~~said~~ the first and the second portions and a securing point for the inflatable curtain.

12. (Currently Amended) The safety device according to Claim ~~11,~~ 11 wherein the device further comprises a second guide element positioned

within the motor vehicle at a point below ~~said~~ first guide element, ~~said~~ the second guide element engaging with ~~said~~ the second portion of elongate flexible element between ~~said~~ the slide member and inflatable curtain.

13. (New) A safety device for a motor vehicle comprising an inflatable curtain having an upper edge and a lower edge, the upper edge being adapted to be mounted to the motor vehicle within the interior of the motor vehicle, a first portion of an elongate flexible element being attached at one end to the inflatable curtain at near the lower edge, a second portion of an elongate flexible element being attached at one end to the inflatable curtain at near the lower edge and having a second end attached to the motor vehicle, a second end of the first portion of elongate flexible element incorporating a slide member adapted to slidably retain a length of the second portion of elongate flexible element whereby, upon deployment of the inflatable curtain, the lower edge moves downwardly from the upper edge causing the second portion to slide through the slide member and the first and second portions of the flexible element are placed in tension, which exerts tension on the inflatable curtain .

14. (New) The safety device according to Claim 13, wherein the first and second portions of elongate flexible element are separate segments of a single elongate, flexible element.

15. (New) The safety device according to Claim 13, wherein the first and second portions of elongate flexible element are attached to the inflatable curtain at a common point.

16. (New) The safety device according to Claim 13 wherein the slide member is in the form of a rigid ring.

17. (New) The safety device according to Claim 13 wherein at least one of the first or the second portions of elongate flexible element is elastic.

18. (New) The safety device according to Claim 13 wherein both of the portions of elongate flexible element are elastic.

19. (New) The safety device according to Claim 13 wherein both of the first and the second portions of elongate flexible element are substantially inextensible.

20. (New) The safety device according to Claim 13 wherein the point of attachment of one of the first or the second portions of elongate flexible element to the inflatable curtain is in the form of an elastic connection.

21. (New) The safety device according to Claim 13 wherein the point of attachment of both of the first or the second portions of elongate flexible element to the inflatable curtain is in the form of an elastic connection.

22. (New) A safety device according to Claim 13 wherein the first elongate flexible element portion engaging with a first guide element fixed to the motor vehicle, the second elongate flexible element being further attached to the motor vehicle at a point being below the first guide element, the slide member slidably retaining the second portion of elongate flexible element, wherein upon inflation of the inflatable curtain, the lower edge moves to a position below the guide element and the first and the second portions of elongate flexible element thereby create tension along a line of the inflatable curtain, between the portions and a securing point for the inflatable curtain.

23. (New) The safety device according to Claim 22 wherein the safety device further comprises a second guide element positioned within the motor vehicle at a point below the first guide element, the second guide element engaging with the second portion of elongate flexible element between the slide member and inflatable curtain.